

## **Remarks/Arguments**

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-5 and 7-39 are pending. Claims 1-5 and 7-39 are rejected.

For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable.

### **I. Anticipation Rejections**

Claims 1-5 and 7-39 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,175,752 ('752 Patent) See Office Action page 3.

For the reasons set forth below, Applicants traverse the Examiner's rejections and respectfully submit that claims 1-5 and 7-39 are allowable.

The present continuation application was filed on February 27, 2004 claiming priority to application no. 10/420,057 which is a continuation application of application no. 09/667,199, now issued as US Patent No. 6,565,509, and which is a continuation of application no. 09/070,677 filed on April 30, 1998, now issued as US Patent No. 6,175,752.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's anticipation rejection based on the '752 Patent is moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable, and request the Examiner's early examination of the pending claims in the present application. In the event that the Examiner deems a telephonic or in person discussion would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of the present application, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at (510) 652-6418, x82.

Respectfully submitted,  
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